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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY RELIEF IN EGYPT

REF: STATE 231044

1. IN VIEW CURRENT GOE SENSITIVITY ABOUT USE OF US-OWNED EGYPTIAN POUNDS, I RAISED SUBJECT REFTEL WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY TODAY. AFTER EXPLAINING WHAT WE HAD IN MIND, I SAID I ASSUMED GOE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO USING THESE POUNDS FOR PROPOSED RELIEF PURPOSES.

2. FAHMY SAID HE COULD NOT AT THIS TIME AGREE. AS HE PUT IT, "THE TIME IS NOT RIPE FOR THIS." FAHMY THEN PROCEEDED TO COMMENT ON STRONG EGYPTIAN PUBLIC FEELING THAT DESTRUCTION WROUGHT BY ISRAELIS REQUIRING SUCH RELIEF HAD COME FROM US-SUPPLIED MILITARY EQUIPMENT. CONSIDERABLE EGYPTIAN PUBLIC BITTERNESS EXISTS ABOUT THIS. OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC REACTION TO SUCH USE OF EGYPTIAN POUNDS WOULD, IN HIS VIEW, BE STRONGLY RESENTFUL. MATTER MIGHT AGAIN BE LOOKED AT IN DUE COURSE. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WILL UNDERSTAND GOE POSITION.

3. COMMENT: RECOMMEND THAT FOR TIME BEING WE NOT
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PUSH GOE ON THIS MATTER. IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TAKE

DISCREET SOUNDING FROM TIME TO TIME WHETHER GOE BELIEVES
SITUATION HAS CHANGED TO A POINT WHERE IT WOULD BE
WILLING RECONSIDER.
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